Not Your Grandma's Shrubs

Just say no to Spirea and Potentilla

Please Do Not Add To The Gumballing Of The American Landscape Put the right size shrub in the right size spot!



My Landscape







New Jersey Tea (Ceanothus americanus)



New Jersey Tea

- Pollinator Magnet
- 2'x3'
- Blooms in July
- Zone 3-9
- Native
- Full Sun
- Drought Tolerant
- Any Soil Type
- Some winter dieback

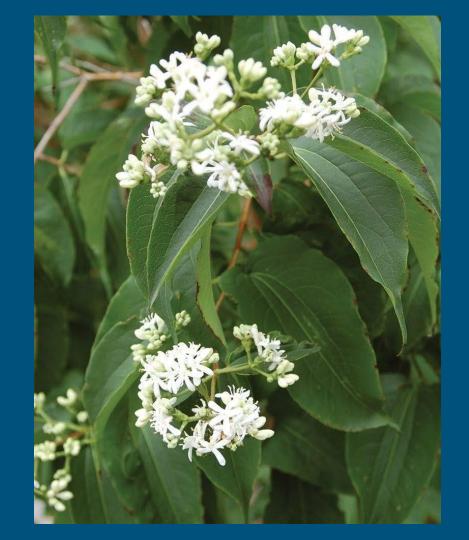


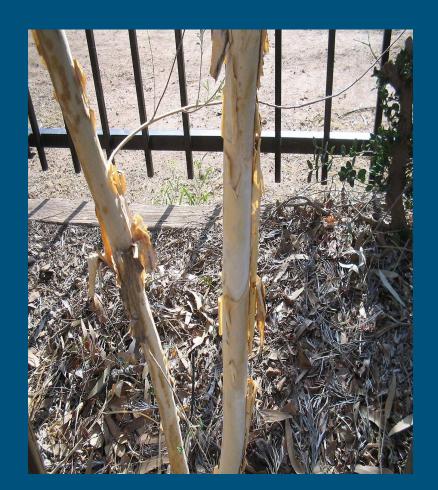
Seven Son Flower (Heptacodium miconioides)



Seven Son Flower

- Tree or shrub form
- Fall Bloom
- Exfoliating bark
- 8'-15' tall
- Full Sun
- Zone 5
- Tolerant of many soil types
- White flowers followed by purple fruits and red-pink calyces







Beauty Bush (Kolkwitzia amabilis)



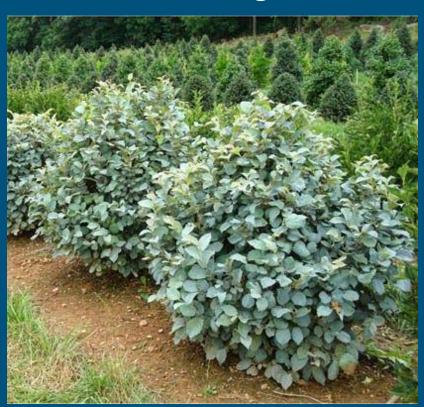
Beauty Bush

- 6'-10' tall
- Blooms early June
- Full sun
- Zone 4-8
- Pink flowers
- Arching stems



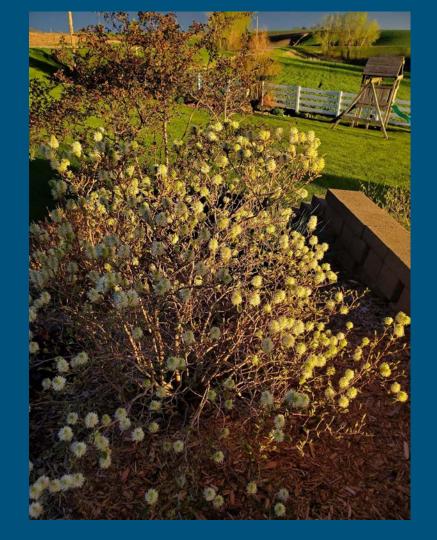


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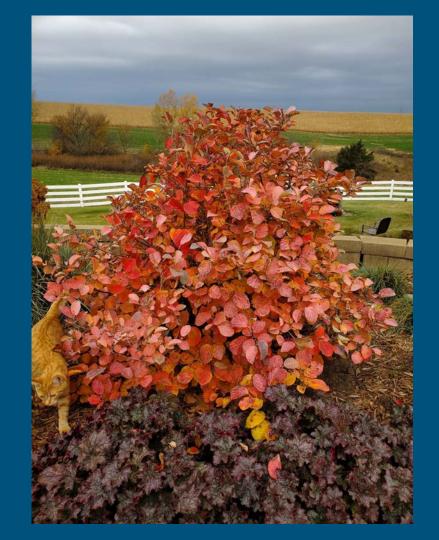


Fothergilla

- Zone 4-9
- 4'-10' tall
- Shorter varieties: Legend of the Fall, Blue Shadow (blue leaves)
- Full sun -part shade
- White spring flowers
- Great fall color







Bush Honeysuckle Diervilla



Bush Honeysuckle

- Zone 4-8
- 3'-5' tall
- Will spread by underground stems
- Yellow flowers in summer
- Pollinator magnet
- Full sun-part shade
- Newer varieties with lime green foliage and fall color (Kodiak)

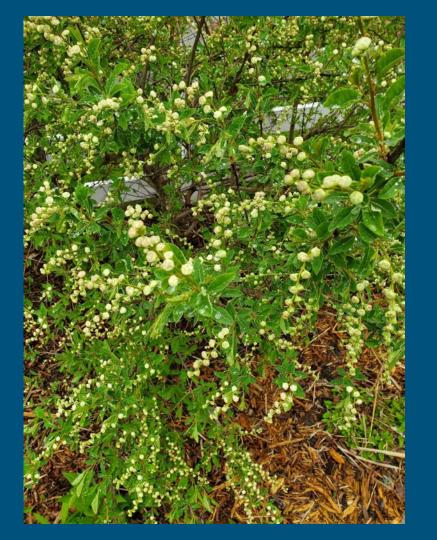


Pearlbush (Exochorda)



Pearlbush

- Zone 4-7
- Full Sun
- 4-5' tall (Lotus Moon)
- White flowers in April start out as "pearls"
- Deer resistant



Bush Clover (Lespedeza thunbergii)



Bush Clover

- Perennial (dies back to ground in winter)
- Zone 4-9
- Full-part sun
- 5' tall and wide
- Rosy purple pea like flower in Sept.
- Cascading stems
- Tolerates any soil
- Deer and drought resistant



Kerria japonica



Kerria

- Zone4-9
- Part shade
- Yellow blooms in spring
- Avoid heavy clay soil
- Prune after flowering
- 3-6' tall, 6' wide
- 'Pleniflora' is double flowered variety
- Will sucker, considered invasive in the south
- Grown here, had some winter dieback
- Bright green stems/branches



Mountain Hydrangea (Hydrangea serrata)



Hydrangea serrata

- Zone 5-9
- 2-3' tall and wide
- Lacecap Blooms in summer
- Part sun-part shade
- More reliable bloomer than bigleaf hydrangeas
- Bluish flowers in acid soil



Wendy's Wish List

What I would grow if I had the right conditions.

Sweetspire (Itea)



Sweetspire

- Dwarf (Little Henry) or 6' tall (Henry's Garnet)
- Full-part sun
- Nice blooms Late spring
- Good fall color
- Zone 4-9
- Drought tolerant
- Let dry out between waterings



Summersweet (Clethra)



Summersweet

- Zone 4-8
- Late summer bloom, white or pink flowers
- 3'-6' tall
- Full sun-part shade
- Medium to wet soil!
- Fragrant
- Shiny, thick leaf



Beauty Berry (Callicarpa)



Beauty Berry

- White summer flowers lead to purple fall berries
- Full to part shade
- 3'-6' tall depending on variety
- Zones 5-10
- Plenty of moisture in full sun
- Some varieties have chartreuse green leaves



Carolina Allspice or Sweetshrub (Calycanthus)



Sweetshrub

- Zone 5-9
- 5-10' tall and wide
- Part sun-part shade
- Moist soil
- Solitary red blooms
- Shiny, aromatic leaves
- Spring, summer blooms



Buttonbush (Cephalanthus)



Buttonbush

- Pollinator plant
- Moist soil
- Full-part sun
- Summer blooms followed by red fruit
- Zone 4-9
- 6-15' tall (Sugar Shack available in garden centers)
- Native
- Fall color





Orixia japonica



Orixia

- Zone 5-9
- 6-8' tall
- Open habit, but ok to prune back
- Shiny, Bright greens leaves turn gold in fall
- Deer resistant



Daphne "Carol Mackie"



Daphne

- 3-4' tall and wide
- Variegated foliage
- Pink, fragrant flowers
- Spring bloom
- Zone 5-9
- Full-part sun
- "finicky"



Bluebeard (Caryopteris)



Bluebeard

- Zone 5-9, In a sheltered spot in our area
- Blue flowers in late summer
- Full sun
- 3' tall
- Avoid heavy, wet clay soils
- Gray-green foliage
- Pollinator friendly
- Deer resistant
- Prune in early spring

